THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has informed that they are giving approval for conduct of Postgraduate programme in management studies and the specialization in the course is offered by the corresponding affiliating University/Institution. As per data available with AICTE, six institutions are offering PG programme in Health Sector Management.

(c) With the development of health services the requirement of qualified professionals for management of such facilities is required. The modalities of selection of candidate for such programme is vested with the respective State Governments.

Community health centres

1707. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to operate community health centres round the clock;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether financial assistance will be extended to State Governments for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. One of the goals of the Rural Health Mission is to strengthen the Community Health Centre/Sector PHC as a full fledged First Referral Unit for assured quality health care for a population of one lakh and above, basically by upgrading existing facilities. This upgraded CHC/ Sector PHC would have at least 30 to 50 beds. Funds would be provided to the State Governments with full flexibility as far as their utilization is concerned.